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TUNE IN TO GARDEN WISE TV TO BE WATER WISE

Garden Wise TV Shows You How To Be Water Wise In Your Garden



Garden designer Joan Bolton explains sustainable landscape design in the latest Garden Wise episode.

If you are looking for gardening ideas, ways to save water outdoors, or to completely redo your landscape, Garden Wise TV is the place to go for information and entertainment. Garden Wise is a

television program about designing and maintaining sustainable landscapes and is created by the Network of Santa Barbara County Water Providers and City TV. Join our host and local experts to learn all about landscape design, finding the perfect plant, graywater and rainwater, and programs to help you save water!

The latest episode, titled "Lawn Be Gone: What to Do Next" focuses on creating sustainable landscapes amidst the drought. As the drought continues, maintaining a beautiful garden may require some changes to your landscape, especially if you have let your lawn go golden. This episode focuses on water wise landscape design and how to get help from rebates and other water conservation programs. We start by visiting the homes of Santa Barbara County residents who participated in Smart Landscape Rebate programs. Next, garden designer Joan Bolton shows us a residence where she converted a golden lawn to a water wise landscape with a rain garden and a wide diversity of plants. Not sure what plants to use in your landscape? Not to worry. This episode also showcases two local nurseries that sell a variety of native plants to help you determine which ones will best suit your garden. Finally, we join in a local Water Wise Walking Tour with Sweetwater Collaborative, a nonprofit that hosts workshops to help put sustainable systems into the homes of our community members.

To learn more or to watch past episodes, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenWise.

WE MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT CITY NEWS

Want the latest news and updates from the City of Santa Barbara? Interested in learning about City programs, projects and events? The City has a broad range of communication channels that lets you access the news and information you need in the format that's easiest for you.

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- **Sign up for Nextdoor.com** and find out what's happening right in your neighborhood.
- **Register with Nixle** to get police alerts and crime updates.
- **Tune in to City TV** and watch the latest Council Meetings, local programming and informational videos.
- **Browse our website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov** for more in-depth information on City programs and services.



Choose the tool that's right for you and stay in the know about the City news and events you care about!

NEW SHOW SPOTLIGHTS CITY'S WATERFRONT



The Waterfront is one of the most iconic and well-known areas of our city. With its rich history, popular tourist attractions and natural beauty, the City presents *On the Waterfront*, a new show highlighting current happenings while also diving in to its past. The first episode focuses on the busy world of Santa Barbara Harbor. Check it out on our website at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Waterfront or catch it on City TV.

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CITY WINS NATIONAL AWARD FOR PUBLIC ARTS LEADERSHIP



The Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading non-profit organization for advancing the arts and arts education, and The U.S. Conference of Mayors recognized Santa Barbara with the National Award for Local Arts Leadership at the mayors' winter meeting in Washington, D.C.

The award recognizes the successful creation of a Historic Arts District, collaboration with arts organizations, and improving access to arts and culture for youth, residents, and visitors in public buildings and neighborhoods centers.

The City partnered with community leaders to implement a vision for a Historic Arts District downtown, now complete with the renovation of facilities such as the Granada Theater and Victoria Hall. The City leased property to the Santa Barbara Arts Collaborative for \$1/year and contributed to the development of a Community Arts Workshop, now the permanent home for the annual Summer Solstice parade.

Small arts and cultural organizations are supported through an events and festivals grant-making process. Historic festivals such as Old Spanish Days, Summer Solstice, and the Film Festival receive annual funding to provide free entertainment to the community, develop new programming, and reach the next generation.

For more information on the City's arts activities and programs, visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Arts.

Upcoming Water Wise Classes!

Graywater 101

Thursday, March 24th
6:30pm-8:00pm
\$10 suggested donation

Louise Lowry Davis Center,
1232 De La Vina Street



Rainwater Harvesting 101

Wednesday, March 30th
7:00pm-8:30pm
\$10 suggested donation

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Classes are provided by Sweetwater Collaborative and sponsored by the City of Santa Barbara.

For more information visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Graywater



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